

INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES

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As a company owner/director paying road toll on seven vehicles and as an individual using the now privately owned Sydney toll roads, I find it totally unacceptable to be paying the amounts of the toll charges that have been allowed to be imposed since the privatization of our road network, all to make exorbitant levels of profits for the toll companies.

A case in point is the combined toll fees of \$50.00 for me to travel on the toll roads from the Central Coast to Surry Hill or Redfern in Sydney and return.

This cost is multiple times more than the wear and tear savings if I were to elect to avoid the tolls.

While I appreciate that these charges can be attributed to the cost of doing business, this is a massive impost on any individuals who are obliged to travel these toll roads daily.

Toll costs should reflect the savings in wear and tear aside from the timesaving using these facilities, a function that could easily be calculated using modern technologies.

The cost should also be scaled relative to the size and capacities of the individual vehicles and not be set on just two or three blanket charges irrespective of vehicle type, load, and capacities.

The time saving by use of the toll roads is too often non-existent, and the amount charged should reflect this.